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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Under 37 C.F.R. §§1.8(b) and 1.181, Applicant hereby requests that the Notice of Abandonment mailed January 13, 2004 (copy enclosed) be withdrawn. The application was abandoned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135 for failure to respond to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003.

Enclosed are copies of: 1.) the Amendment as mailed on December 30, 2003; 2.) the postcard stamped received by the PTO Mailroom on January 2, 2004; and 3.) the cancelled check enclosed with the Amendment mailed on December 30, 2003.

The Amendment includes a certification that these documents were deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on December 30, 2003, the certification was signed by the undersigned attorney's secretary, Patricia Smith. Enclosed is a Statement Of Timely Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

Thus, the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error and Applicants respectfully request that it be withdrawn and the application processed for issuance. Because the Notice of Abandonment was issued as a result of an error by the Patent Office, we believe that no fees are required for our request. If that is not correct, please charge the required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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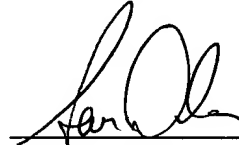
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF JULY 2, 2003

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) An implantable medical stent containing a cobalt alloy, wherein the implantable medical stent includes at least first and second layers, the first layer being formed of the cobalt alloy and the second layer being formed of a material that is more dense than the cobalt alloy.

32-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently Amended) The implantable medical stent of claim 38 31, wherein the second layer is disposed inwardly of the first layer.

40. (Previously Presented) The implantable medical stent of claim 39, wherein the second material comprises a metal selected from the group consisting of tungsten, tantalum, rhenium, iridium, silver, gold, bismuth, platinum and alloys thereof.

41. (Previously Presented) The implantable medical stent of claim 39, wherein the first metal has a density of 9.9 g/cc or greater.

42. (Previously Presented) The implantable medical stent of claim 39, wherein the first metal has a density of about 16 g/cc or greater.

43. (Previously Presented) The implantable medical stent of claim 39, wherein the first and second layers are coaxial.

44. (Currently Amended) The implantable medical stent of claim ~~38~~ 31, wherein the second material comprises a metal selected from the group consisting of tungsten, tantalum, rhenium, iridium, silver, gold, bismuth, platinum and alloys thereof.

45. (New) The implantable medical stent of claim ~~38~~ 31, wherein the first metal has a density of 9.9 g/cc or greater.

46. (New) The implantable medical stent of claim ~~38~~ 31, wherein the first metal has a density of about 16 g/cc or greater.

47. (New) The implantable medical stent of claim ~~38~~ 31, wherein the first and second layers are coaxial.

48-76. (Cancelled)

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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003, Applicant amended claims 31, 39 and 44-48, and cancelled claims 32-38 and 48-76. Claims 31 and 39-47 are presented for examination.

The Examiner stated that previously pending claims 38-47 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly. Further, without conceding that the rejections made in the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003, were appropriate, Applicant cancelled all rejected claims thereby obviating the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Applicant mailed an Information Disclosure Statement ("I.D.S.") in this application on May 30, 2003. According to the P.A.I.R. page of the U.S.P.T.O., the I.D.S. was received on June 2, 2003 (Entry Number 21). Accordingly, Applicant requests consideration of the I.D.S. at no fee because it was received by the U.S.P.T.O. prior to July 2, 2003 (the date of mailing of the first action on the merits). (See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1)(3)).

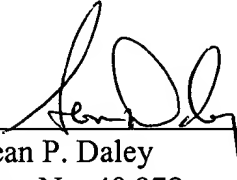
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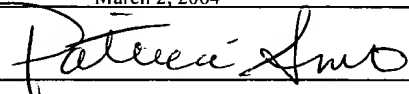
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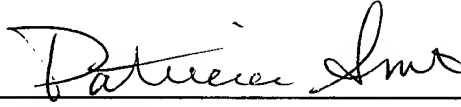
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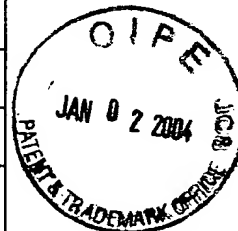


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